instructions have been issued to Service Providers not to extend Calling Line Identification Restriction (CLIR) facility to its subscribers normally.

Mobile services on Indo-Nepal border

†1909. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mobile service has been installed and functioning since last few years in Raxaul situated on Indo-Nepal border in Bihar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it has been decided to deprive Jai Nagar, Laukaha, Laukahi, Birpur, Jagwani and Farbeesganj cities situated on Indo-Nepal border from mobile services; and

(c) if so, the justification and complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per licence conditions, Bharat Sanchar Nigar Limited is not licensed to provide cellular mobile service in the 10 km. buffer zone to be maintained along the international borders. All the towns *viz.* Jai Nagar, Laukaha, laukahi, Birpur, Jagwani and Farbeesganj fall in the buffer zone.

IT software export from Tamil Nadu

1910. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large potential of IT industry in Tamil Nadu considering its exports of software;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to assist Tamil Nadu Government in setting up of IT Parks in Coimbatore and Madurai;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of large potential of IT industry in Tamil Nadu considering the exports of software from there. During the year 2004-05, software export worth of Rs. 10,700 crores, with a growth rate of 42% was made by the units registered with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) Government of Tamil Nadu has identified Coimbatore as a growth region for IT industries and has also identified 29 acres of land in Coimbatore for promotion of IT industries. STPI Chennai approached the State Government for the allotment of land in Madurai for setting up of an IT Park and the land for the proposed IT Park there has been identified.

(d) Does not arise.

Proposals for setting up of new post offices in UP

1911. PROF M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the new post offices proposed to be set up in the State of Uttaar Pradesh during the year 2005-06, district-wise;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps for the modernisation of existing post offices in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No targets have been given under Plan for opening of Post offices in Uttar Pradesh in 2005-06. However, proposals which are justified as per norms will continue to be opened by relocation of existing post offices which do not fulfil the distance norms.

(b) Yes, Sir.